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REMARKS

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1. [] a troop train of 10 boxcars with soldiers, about 20 flatcars with 1 truck each, vehicle numbers pasted over, and 12 to 15 flatcars each with 2 AT guns probably of 100 mm, was observed en route from Berlin toward Rathenow. At 7 a.m., another troop train including about 10 flatcars with 1 truck each, and about 10 flatcars, each with 2 AT guns probably of 100 mm, was also seen proceeding toward Rathenow. 1

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2. Between 5 and 12 July, the Artillerie Kaserne in Kuestrin was still occupied by about 450 troops with red-bordered black ecaulets. Practicing with 6 x 25-mm AA guns, and columns with 25-mm AA guns driving toward Manschnow daily were observed. Beginning 6 July, the banks of the Oder River were more heavily guarded by sentries detached from the Artillerie Kaserne. 2

3. At 6:30 a.m. on 9 July, 12 rocket launchers, [redacted] 25X1B
[redacted] left the Hindenburg
Kaserne in Schwerin and drove toward Crivitz. 3 25X1B

4. On 9 July, a one-way bridge was constructed across the dead arm of the Elbe River between Bertingen and Sandkrug. About 300 troops, about 26 pontoons and 23 pile bents were seen. Wooden sign boards with instructions in Russian were erected. Thirty trucks, [redacted] 15 round tents, and 3 T-34 tanks, [redacted] were standing on the northern bank. 4

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5. Between 3 and 12 July, the Artillerie Kaserne in Brandenburg was occupied. Not all windows, however, were lighted after dusk. The Flak Kaserne and Infanterie Kaserne housed rear details only.⁵

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6. On 9 July, bus [] with 10 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets was unloaded at the Templin railroad station. On 10 July, 10 vehicles [] were unloaded. On 10 July, 10 boxcars were loaded with billeting equipment at the Hammelspring railroad station; and 8 boxcars with billeting equipment and disassembled prefabricated houses at Vogelsang. ⁶ 25X1C
7. At 12:40 p.m. on 12 July, a troop train carrying at least 4 rocket launchers, and 12 trucks, [] passed through the Nauen railroad station. The train came from the direction of Oranienburg and proceeded toward Wustermark. ⁷ 25X1C
8. Between 8 and 10 a.m. on 12 July, a troop train was loaded at the Dallgow railroad station. The train consisted of 6 boxcars with soldiers, 2 boxcars with equipment, and [] with 5 x 122-mm field howitzers; 4 x 57-mm AT guns; 4 x 80-mm mortars; 1 field kitchen; 11 trucks, [] and sedans [] A troop train with tanks and trucks, [] had been unloaded before 8 a.m. [] 25X1A
- two tanks and a truck driving across Highway No 103 toward west. At 1:10 p.m., another troop train carrying 4 armored personnel carriers and 25 tanks, [] arrived at the Dallgow railroad station. ⁸ 25X1A

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1. [] Comment. The troop trains possibly went to Altengrabow. As, however, shipments of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army were dispatched from Templin to the Tangerhuetten area, it appears probable that the two trains observed went to Tangerhuetten.

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2. [] Comment. Similar observations were made by [] prior to 4 July 1953. [] 25X1A

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3. [] Comment. [] elements of the 10th Gds RL Regt of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps which left for field exercises in the Grivitz area.

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4. [] Comment. The bridge was constructed about 20 kilometers southwest of Bittkau. Tanks and [] probably belong to a unit of the IX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from Schwerin. 25X1A

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5. [] Comment. Observations by [] of late June 1953 indicate no change in the occupation of the barracks installations in Brandenburg reported in paragraph 5. [] 25X1A

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6. [] Comment. On 9 and 10 July 1953, possibly units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army returned which, on 1 July 1953, moved to field exercises in the Tangerhuetten area. See Field Comment 1. Already in late June 1953, an increased shipping away of billeting equipment was observed. See []

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
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


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7.  Comment. The train possibly carried an element of the 90th RL Regt (US) of the Second Gds Mecz Army which moved to Jueterbog for firing practice.

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8.  Comment. The entraining of a combined artillery unit of the 1st Mecz Div on 12 July 1953 probably continues the rail movement to Jueterbog observed in early July 1953. The unloading of tank units of the division agrees with observations made on transportations of the division from East Berlin between 11 and 13 July 1953.

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